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FOR; U.S. CUSTOMS ATTACHE IN PARIS

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SUBJECT: NARCOTIC DETECTOR DOG TRAINING ASSISTANCE

REF; STATE 193770, AUGUST 16, 1977

1. REFTEL DESCRIBES NARCOTIC DETECTOR DOG TRAINING PROGRAMS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO FOREIGN INTERDICTION AGENCIES, RECOMMENDING THAT PORTUGUESE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SHOULD SEND PARTICIPANTS TO A U.S. CUSTOMS NARCOTIC DETECTOR DOG TRAINER/ADMINISTRATOR PROGRAM IN ORDER TO FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CAPABILITIES AND LIMITATIONS OF DETECTOR DOGS.

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2. U.S. CUSTOMS HAS NOW FIRMLY SCHEDULED SUCH A PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 13 THROUGH MARCH 3, 1978, AND CAN OFFER FOUR SLOTS TO PORTUGAL. PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE CALLED FORWARD ONE WEEK EARLY IN ORDER TO ATTEND A CULTURAL ORIENTATION PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON, THE DOG PROGRAM TO BE CONDUCTED IN FRONT ROYAL, VA., NEAR WASHINGTON. ALTHOUGH PORTUGAL

WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY THE INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE FOR ITS CANDIDATES, USG WILL PAY \$35 PER DIEM AND ANY DOMESTIC AIRFARE FOR PROGRAM RELATED TRAVEL.

3. PLEASE APPROACH CUSTOMS, POLICE, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCY WITH THE INVITATION, PROVIDING U.S. CUSTOMS WITH

SKELETON BIODATA ON ANY NOMINATIONS MADE. NECESSARY FISCAL SYMBOLS WILL BE CABLED WITH THE FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE TRAINING CANDIDATES. PLEASE ADVISE BY COB, JANUARY 6, 1978. VANCE

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